

Covers the Torrance District Like a Blanket.

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## BOARD PROPOSES LIGHTING SYSTEM

### PLANS ARE ORDERED DRAWN Gas Pressure Mounts at Lora J. Test Well

#### ORDERED DRAWN

Trustees Instruct Jessup to Prepare Specifications for Improvement

**\$100,000 COST ESTIMATE**  
Assessment District of 2,000 Lots Is Tentatively Suggested

The board of trustees last night unanimously passed a resolution instructing City Engineer J. J. Jessup to prepare proceedings and specifications for a new lighting system in the business and residence districts of Torrance.

According to plans of the board, the work will be done under the assessment district plan. Preliminary estimates prepared by Engineer Jessup provide for approximately 500 lights, all wiring to be placed in conduits and posts to be staggered along the streets at intervals of 150 or 175 feet. It is the intention to place two or more posts at each intersection and one at each alley intersection. The type of post to be used has not been decided upon.

Mr. Jessup told the board that the system completely installed would cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000, which cost would be borne by approximately 2,000 lots. Under such an arrangement lot owners would have ten years in which to pay their assessments. It is estimated that the cost per annum for a forty-foot lot would be about \$8 or less.

The plan will provide for lights along the main boulevards entering Torrance—Carson street and Western avenue. Trustee J. S. Torrance declared that investigation showed that with 500 lights in the city the cost of operation of the system would be so reduced per light that the total cost of lighting the city with 500 lights would be very little more than it is at present.

Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, brought the subject of lights to the attention of the board. He pointed out that the big electric sign pointing the way to Torrance would be erected at East road and Main street in a few days. "This sign will show them the way to Torrance," he said, "but with our present lighting system, they will have to come in the daytime if they want to see the city."

Mr. Hyde declared his observations led him to believe that the vast majority of citizens desire an adequate lighting system. The selection of a type of post to be erected was referred to the light committee, with power to act. Under the assessment district plan the board believes it will ascertain on the date set later for protests just how the public stands on the proposed improvement. Engineer Jessup asserted that if the protests were sufficient to cancel the proposed improvement he would present no bill for preparation of plans and specifications.

**Torrance Rural Route No. 1 Is Taken to Lomita**  
Transfer Shortens Distance of Route by Several Miles

Rural route No. 1 of the Torrance postoffice has been transferred by executive order to the Lomita postoffice, the change to take effect Jan. 16, according to word received here Saturday by Postmaster Alfred Gourdir. Most of the route covers the community of Lomita and is nearer the Lomita postoffice than that of Torrance. By the change the length of the route is reduced several miles.

#### FLAPPER IS COURT OFFICIAL

Modern Portia, Aged 22, and Pretty, is United States Commissioner at Clarksdale, Miss.



Celia Cook

By Central Press  
CLARKSDALE, Miss., Jan. 5.—The flapper has scored again. The modern Portia is making her place before numerous bars of justice throughout the country, two members of the sex have been elevated to the highest executive offices of Texas and Wyoming, and several have attained seats in Congress. Now a 22-year-old girl, a flapper and proud of it, has attained the office of United States Commissioner in Mississippi. Miss Celia Cook, pretty brunette, with bobbed hair and enticing dimples, has just been appointed to the high federal office and has taken up her duties in the office of the Clarksdale district.

Miss Cook was appointed to the office by Federal Judge E. R. Dolans, to succeed J. D. Cockrell. The flapper commissioner has had considerable experience in federal court work, having served as deputy court clerk for several terms. Miss Cook is the daughter of H. J. Cook, United States marshal for the Clarksdale district, and is a sister of Miss Vivian Cook, one of the three women lawyers of Mississippi.

Trustees Discuss Crying Necessity for Recorders Court Room

The board of trustees last night discussed the crying need for a new city hall in Torrance. Trustee Torrance pointed out that it is daily becoming more necessary for the city to provide quarters in which court may be held, that the need of a small auxiliary fire truck to be used while the big truck is being overhauled and repaired is pressing, but that at present there is no place in which to house an auxiliary truck, and that the rental being paid now, together with those which will soon become necessary, make the construction of a city hall advisable from a purely financial standpoint. Mayor R. R. Smith called attention to the fact that it is now necessary to hold court in the city hall. "The city hall is a public place," he said, "and persons who do business with the city cannot be excluded while court is being held. The result is that the court is repeatedly and unavoidably interrupted while in session. These interruptions detract from the dignity of the court. It is not fair to deny defendants to be tried in a court under such conditions. If any branch of government should function with uninterrupted dignity it is the judiciary. It is essential that we provide a court room for the recorder."

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson, a son, on Dec. 26. Dr. A. L. Stevenson attended.

#### DEEP SAND PROSPECT BRIGHT

Plug in Bottom of Hole Boosts Force in Gas Showing

OBSERVERS OPTIMISTIC

Jamieson Oil Company Begins Second Hunt for Deep Formation

Since the Midway Northern Oil Company brought in its first well on Camino Real and ushered in the tremendous development that characterizes activities in the Torrance field more than a year, no more important oil news has been recorded than that which developed Saturday when a substantial increase in the gas pressure was recorded at the Jamieson Oil Company's Lora J. deep test well on East Palm street in Lomita. This increase in pressure occurred suddenly while the crew was driving a plug in the bottom of the hole. The company recently became convinced that the water was entering the well at the bottom and decided to plug up 30 feet of hole. Cable tools were rigged up and a plug driven in. When only 15 feet of the hole had been plugged up, the gas pressure rose perceptibly and continued to rise as more plug was driven in.

**Facis Check Up**  
This fact led observers to believe that the gas from the oil formation between 4200 and 4700 feet had been going out where the water was coming in—at the bottom of the well. The increased pressure is important because it is already established that oil-bearing strata exist below 4200 feet. When these strata were discovered at the Lora J. observers, noting the low gas pressure at the well, declared that the discovery was unimportant because of the low gas pressure, that a flowing well would be impossible. Now that the pressure is increased they have materially changed their opinion and assert that if the water is successfully shut out, the Lora J. stands an excellent chance of becoming a flowing well.

**News Important**  
While it is too early to make a definite prediction, the news is of the utmost importance to owners of land in the oil field, to operators, and to the district generally. If the Lora J. becomes a producer a rush of deepening activity may be expected throughout the field, where scores of operators are now allowing their wells to stand idle pending the result of the Jamieson's pioneering.

The Jamieson is still optimistic over the prospects of a second sand is indicated by the fact that the company Saturday ran its first string of drill pipe at the Rogers No. 1 on Pennsylvania avenue near Acacia street where a second deep test well will be bored by the company. The Rogers is one of five wells bought from Bush and Voorhis by the Jamieson for a cash consideration.

**Abandons Kettler No. 2**  
While interesting developments were taking place in Lomita, the Shell Oil Company announced that the Kettler No. 2, south of Camino Real and east of the Santa Fe tracks, would be plugged back and production sought from the above 3500 feet. The Kettler well has been an expensive proposition for the Shell. It was cemented five times, bridged back, cemented several more times, and drilled to 5400 feet. Four difficult fishing jobs delayed drilling. The last fish was recovered near 5400 feet, and the company then decided to abandon its quest for a second sand. At the same time the Chanlor-Canfield Midway Oil Company elected to abandon its wildcat, Francis No. 1, on Western avenue north of Torrance. The hole was drilled to 5500 feet. At this stage 3000 feet of drill pipe parted and dropped to the bottom of the hole. **Opens Territory**  
After recovering about 1000 feet of the collapsed pipe, the company (Continued on Last Page)

#### Observations

The Gracchus Brothers—Times Have Changed Since They Died for Their Ideal—How Modern Economics Aids Individual and Community Progress

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

SOME centuries ago two brothers gave their lives for an ideal. They were Tiberius and Caius Gracchus. Their ideal for which they vainly strove, had to do with Roman land laws. In their time only the very rich owned land. Acres won by war went into the hands of wealthy Romans. The Gracchi sponsored laws to force these great land-owners to surrender their vast domains to the more lowly Romans. First Tiberius fought in the Senate for this ideal and was assassinated for his pains. Then Caius, some years later, took up the fight and met death at the hands of his opponents. But that was a long time ago. Times have changed. Today any man with a job, be that job lowly or highly remunerative, can acquire a deed to a home.

The Gracchi died to bring about an economic change which would enable the humble to possess land. What they failed to accomplish, modern society and economics makes possible. Come down to the modern community—this very community in which you live. Here there is no great land-owner possessing all the land and taking all of the wealth therefrom to swell his own bank-account. True, some own more land than others, but the facilities are available for the acquisition of a deed to a house and lot by any industrious person with a determination to get ahead. Not many years ago a group of individuals all wanted to buy land and erect homes thereon. None had enough money to finance his hopes. So they evolved a plan. Each week every person in the group deposited in a common treasury a certain amount of money. By drawing lots it was decided which of the group would be the first to have his house erected on a lot—the dwelling to be financed out of the common treasury. When the house was built the first fortunate member of the group continued to pay his weekly share into the treasury. This process continued until every person in the group was living in his own home built on his own lot, and the whole proposition financed out of the common treasury. Thus was born an idea that made possible a tremendous progress on the North American continent—the building and loan association idea.

ALL material progress is based on the hard-rock foundations of cold cash. Economics is the cornerstone of community advancement and the keystone in the arch of individual success. A city, town or community cannot build up, cannot advance, without money. Money comes from individuals—always. Individuals make up towns, cities and communities. A community grows and progresses only as the individuals which constitute its population get ahead. So the building and loan association is really a co-operative institution—the means by which the individual may accomplish two desired ends—progress of his community and advancement of his own position.

**SERVING Torrance and Lomita** is the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association, recently reorganized to provide this district with a much-needed financial medium. It is a well-known fact that loans for construction purposes in Lomita and Torrance have not been available in large amounts sufficient to satisfy the demand. It is likewise known that this unavailability of capital for individual enterprises has retarded building of dwelling houses in this district. So the Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association was reorganized.

**NOW** consider the functions of this association. They are chiefly two—the loaning of money and the receiving of deposits upon which a high rate of interest is paid to depositors. When a person deposits money with the Building and Loan Association the amount is safely at a splendid return—and at the same time INCREASES THE LOANING POWER OF THE ASSOCIATION. His own deposits make it possible for his neighbors and himself to finance homes, thus aiding individuals and the community at large. Now let's take some specific examples. One of the features of the Building and Loan Association program is the installment membership share. Under this method you may buy a share, stipulating the amount you wish to deposit each week. If you save \$1 a week, in 328 weeks you will have \$400. If you save \$2.50 a week you will have \$1000 in 328 weeks. The reason the maturity values of these shares is so large at the end of the 328-week period is because the association pays 7 percent on these deposits, compounded annually. In 180 weeks, if you have saved \$5 a week, in 180 weeks you will receive \$100. If you save \$5 a week, in 180 weeks you will have \$1000.

**NOW** another angle. Suppose you need a definite sum of money on a certain future date, to pay off a mortgage three years from now, or make a down payment on a new home in a year. The Torrance Mutual Building and Loan Association will tell you willingly just how much you must save each week in order to possess the amount you wish at the stipulated time. If you deposit \$8.95 a month from today? You may have it by depositing \$46.25 a month with the Building and Loan Association—less than \$10 a week. In two years you will have \$500 if you deposit \$20 a month. In three years you will have \$1000 if you save \$25.50 a month, \$500 if you deposit \$12.75 a month, \$1000 if you deposit \$25.50 a month.

**THE** association offers a splendid opportunity to those who wish to insure their children of college educations. Small monthly deposits made now will provide your young children with handsome sums when they reach the college age. For example, suppose you save \$4 a month. In 134 months you will have \$100. A monthly deposit of \$10 will give you \$2000 in 134 months—about 11 years. **NOW** suppose you are one who does not wish to save a stipulated amount each week or each month. Perhaps you wish to deposit various amounts at different times. Then you may open an installment investment certificate pass book account. On each deposit the association pays 5 percent interest. When you have accumulated \$100 by deposits you may exchange it for a guaranteed income certificate which bears interest at 6 percent per annum, payable semi-annually. The splendid thing about Building and Loan savings is that the saver not only benefits by accumulating money, by receiving (Continued on Last Page)

#### Will Give Away Mail Boxes to Local Readers

Change in R. F. D. Postal Brings Offer to Subscribers

Mail boxes—FREE. To old and new subscribers of The Lomita News and to subscribers of The Torrance Herald receiving their mail by mail delivery. That's the offer being made by Paxman's Hardware in co-operation with The Lomita News and The Torrance Herald. In order for residents of Lomita to enjoy the delivery of mail by carrier with the inauguration of the News of the Torrance Herald, on January 16th, it will be necessary for each resident to provide himself with an approved mail box, according to postal regulations. Worth \$1.75. So your favorite newspaper in conjunction with Paxman's Hardware are going to give you a fine big heavy galvanized mail box, worth \$1.75. All you have to do is to pay for the paper for three months in advance. Old subscribers as well as new subscribers will receive mail boxes. If you are not now taking either The Lomita News or The Torrance Herald, fill out the Subscription Coupon printed on page 6 of this paper, bring it with 75 cents to Paxman's Hardware and get a regular government approved mail box worth \$1.75, free.

If you are now receiving The Lomita News or Torrance Herald, fill out the coupon just the same, and your "paid up date" will be advanced three months. You get the paper worth 75 cents and the mail box worth \$1.75, or a total of \$2.50—all for the price of the paper, 75 cents. Coupons are to be left and the boxes obtained from Paxman's Hardware. Don't bother about old subscription receipts, just fill out the coupon. Proper receipt will be mailed you from the newspaper for the three months' subscription. The mail boxes can be seen in the window at Paxman's Hardware. Come early and don't run any risk of being disappointed, as an offer like this can't last long. As the mail boxes are of the rural type, this offer is NOT GOOD for people living in the residence districts of the city of Torrance now receiving their mail by city carriers. However, anyone now receiving their mail by rural carrier from the Torrance postoffice may secure a mail box at either the Lomita or Torrance stores of Paxman's Hardware.

**Drastic Curfew and Dance Hall Laws Proposed**  
Spurred on by knowledge of recent sales of liquor in Torrance to boys in their teens and by reports of activities recently in public dance halls, the board of trustees last night discussed at length the details of the proposed dance-hall and curfew ordinances, which will be embodied in the two measures. 1—All boys and girls under 16 years of age must be off the streets after 9 o'clock every night unless accompanied by parent or guardian. 2—No person under 18 years of age will be allowed in any public dance hall unless accompanied by parent or guardian. Trustee Torrance told the board of "deplorable" conditions at a public dance held here recently. He added that the police department is doing all in its power to run down the bootleggers who are selling to youths.

**Trustees Decide on Ordinances to Protect Torrance Youths**

**Tool Company Adds Three New Articles**  
The California Oil Tool Company announced today that it has started the manufacture of three new articles—the Jones valve seat remover, a new chrome steel slush pump, and a new liner.

#### 'RUMMER' TO BOY

Thomas Hill Nabbed After Asserted Liquor Sale to Youth

The asserted selling of booze to a Lomita school boy, who presented marked bills in payment, landed Thomas Hill of South Main street, near Lincoln school, in jail. Arraigned before Judge Hunter yesterday, Hill pleaded not guilty and asked for a jury trial. Unable to furnish \$2500 bail, Hill is in jail until Jan. 22, the date set for the trial. Local officers baited the trap for Hill after a 17-year-old Lomita boy newly distanced from the effects of drinking "bootleg." It was necessary to use a stomach pump on the lad.

**Rev. Clark Will Quit Pulpit in Lomita April 1**  
Presbyterian Pastor Announces His Intention to Sever Connection

Rev. E. E. Clark of the Lomita Community Presbyterian church, will leave his pastorate on April 1, he announced today in a letter to the "friends of the church." Rev. Clark's letter follows: "Dear Friends of the Community Presbyterian Church: "On Sunday, Nov. 16, last year, I offered to you my resignation as your pastor, asking that the pastoral relation cease January 13, this month. "At a congregational meeting duly called and held on Sunday, Nov. 23, a vote was taken on my resignation. By a vote of 20 to 32 you declined to accept my resignation. Since that congregational meeting the elders of the session have asked me to remain at least until April 1, the close of the church year. "I appreciate the vote of confidence given me by the congregational meeting. Some men might feel warranted in withdrawing a resignation because of such a vote. I do not feel so. After careful and prayerful consideration, I have decided that the resignation shall stand. However, I shall remain with you three months longer. At the end of that time my resignation shall become effective. "I am not content to remain, merely marking time. It means for you and me that the officers, members and supporters of this church shall be loyal to Jesus Christ, loyal to His church, and loyal to one another. This church needs your prayers and faithful service. Your pastor needs your prayers and your fullest cooperation. I know no other way to secure the blessing of Almighty God on His church. "Jan. 4, 1925. "E. E. CLARK."

**Low Bidder Gets Paving Contract**  
The contract for the paving of alleys in the Torrance business district was awarded last night by the board of trustees to Dunkel and Phillips, the low bidder. Bids were received as follows: Dunkel and Phillips—grading 75 cents a foot, sewer extensions \$2.25 each, paving 20.7 cents a square foot; Hall, Johnson and Company—grading 75 cents a foot, sewer extensions \$2.50 each, paving 23.7 cents a square foot.

Miss Phylla Alway, local telephone operator, has returned to Torrance after a two months' vacation spent in the north. Some time was spent in Roseville, some in San Francisco, and Miss Alway's party enjoyed a New Year ball at Fresno, where music was furnished by the Hollywood Harmony Hounds.